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There were 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 26 percent adequate and 74 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 76 percent of normal. The main farm activities were waiting for the fields to dry from the rain so harvest can continue.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions In Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	95	89	88					
Cotton	Harvested	48	50	53		2	24	71	3
Rice	Harvested	94	78	85					
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	87	72	76			22	47	31
	Harvested	47	32	31					
Wheat	Planted	23	24	30			65	14	21
	Emerged	13	13	14					
Pecans	Harvested	15	4	6	12	21	54	13	
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	75	72	74					
Livestock							14	72	14

County Agent Comments

"Heavy rains have stopped harvest of all crops. We need some dry weather to get crops out of the fields. Some parts of the county received over 6 inches of rain."

— Don Respass, Quitman County

"The county received the needed rain for fall forage and crop production. All harvest was delayed because of the rain. We needed the rain. Yields are looking good on cotton and soybeans."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"The rain has stopped cotton and soybean harvesting. Adequate moisture is now available for wheat and pasture planting. Pastures have improved after the rain this week. Cattle producers are holding calves and are waiting for better prices or heavier calves before marketing."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"2-3 inches of rain over the weekend with additional overcast weather and showers halted harvest progress. Gins are currently caught up and producers are waiting on clear weather to complete fall activities."

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

"Cotton harvest is at a standstill. Gins have caught up and we're all waiting on dry weather. Establishment of winter grazing seems to be the priority now."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"The wet weather is beginning to damage cotton. We need 3 weeks with no rain to complete soybean and cotton harvest. Pastures are soggy and cattle are not able to graze ryegrass planted recently."

— David Roberts, Monroe County

"The recent rain was a welcome sight to cattle farmers, but it has halted all cotton and bean harvest activities. Ryegrass is looking good now. We need more sun for harvest activities on cotton and bean crops."

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

"Rains began the evening of October 8 and have continued on and off through October 14. Ryegrass should be looking good in a few days. The corn harvest has stopped."

— Clayton Rouse, Lamar County

"Slow rains each day this week have helped winter grazing. Rain will also put farmers back into the fields to finish planting winter grazing."

— Bobby Fulcher, Clarke County

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Weather Summary From 10/09/94 to 10/15/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	One Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	71	42	58	63	-4.9	.97	.31	2	2.02	74	59	65	M
Clarksdale	70	49	60	65	-4.4	1.34	.76	4	3.71	71	58	63	.13
Cleveland	72	46	60	65	-5.8	.79	.11	3	1.45				
Extreme/Average	72	42	59	64	-5.0	1.03	.39	3	2.39	74	58	64	.13
2. North-Central													
Memphis	70	48	59	65	-5.2	1.07	.44	2	2.88				
Holly Springs	70	45	58	61	-2.8	1.58	.87	4	3.92	74	57	63	.09
Oxford	73	42	58	62	-3.2	1.36	.63	5	4.34				
Extreme/Average	73	42	58	63	-3.7	1.34	.65	4	3.71	74	57	63	.09
3. Northeast													
Corinth	71	42	57	62	-4.6	2.94	2.28	4	5.59				
Iuka	71	46	58	62	-3.6	3.21	2.61	4	6.33				
Boonville	69	46	58	62	-4.2	2.46	1.76	4	4.90				
Pontotoc	73	49	59	63	-3.1	1.84	1.14	4	3.32	73	57	64	M
Tupelo	72	46	60	64	-3.4	1.93	1.22	4	3.56				
Verona	73	47	60	64	-3.7	2.28	1.57	5	5.15	72	56	63	.09
Extreme/Average	73	42	59	63	-3.8	2.44	1.75	4	4.81	73	56	64	.09
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville	69	48	59	65	-6.4	2.02	1.39	4	4.93	66	55	60	.09
Greenwood	71	50	62	66	-3.6	1.06	.29	3	3.92				
Belzoni	71	50	61	65	-4.1	2.20	1.42	3	4.40	80	66	70	
Rolling Fork	70	50	60	65	-4.9	3.24	2.47	4	6.80	77	68	72	.05
Yazoo City	71	52	61	67	-5.1	1.84	1.00	5	3.57				
Extreme/Average	71	48	61	66	-4.8	2.07	1.31	4	4.72	80	55	67	.07
5. Central													
Winona	68	47	58	62	-4.2	1.05	.35	2	2.57				
Carthage	71	51	60	65	-4.3	1.22	.52	4	2.87				
Jackson	72	54	62	66	-3.6	2.02	1.32	4	3.55				
Extreme/Average	72	47	60	64	-4.0	1.43	.73	3	3.00				
6. East-Central													
State University	71	48	60	65	-4.1	1.10	.38	2	4.84	68	59	64	.09
Columbus	74	51	63	64	-.5	1.16	.46	3	5.82				
Brooksville	72	55	63	64	-1.4	2.42	1.79	3	3.64				
Extreme/Average	74	48	62	64	-2.0	1.66	.88	3	4.77	68	59	64	.09
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	69	51	61	67	-6.8	3.03	2.19	5	4.65				
Oakley	73	50	59	65	-5.9	2.34	1.64	5	3.67	71	62	66	
Crystal Springs	75	55	61	64	-3.4	2.68	1.98	4	4.47	68	58	64	
Alcorn				65			M	M	M				
Natchez	72	53	61	68	-7.4	2.05	1.21	6	3.36				
Extreme/Average	75	50	61	66	-5.9	2.53	1.75	5	4.04	71	58	65	
8. South-Central													
McComb	76	52	63	67	-3.9	1.68	.96	4	2.46				
Columbia	77	54	62	67	-5.0	2.40	1.77	5	4.52				
Extreme/Average	77	52	63	67	-4.5	2.04	1.37	5	3.49				
9. Southeast													
Newton	73	52	60	64	-3.7	1.27	.56	6	2.19	70	59	63	.05
Meridian	74	55	63	65	-2.1	1.93	1.29	2	2.96				
Laurel	73	54	61	66	-5.1	2.22	1.59	5	5.37				
Hattiesburg	76	54	62	67	-4.9	3.47	2.81	4	6.38				
Beaumont	78	49	60	67	-6.3	3.51	2.93	5	10.29	77	64	69	
Extreme/Average	78	49	61	66	-4.4	2.48	1.84	4	5.44	77	59	66	.05
10. Coastal													
Poplarville	78	54	63	68	-5.1	3.51	2.74	5	5.84	78	61	69	M
Bay St. Louis	80	55	66	68	-2.3	1.12	.56	2	4.88				
Gulfport	76	55	66	70	-3.7	2.33	1.61	4	6.08				
Biloxi	79	57	66	71	-4.4	2.92	2.20	4	6.16				
Pascagoula	76	56	65	70	-4.8	2.39	1.63	3	6.72				
Extreme/Average	80	54	65	69	-4.1	2.45	1.75	4	5.93	78	61	69	M
State Averages			61	65	-4.4	2.05	1.35		4.46			65	.08
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation					2.90					Beaumont			
Greatest weekly precipitation					3.51					Beaumont			
Maximum air temperature					80					Bay St. Louis			
Minimum air temperature					42					Corinth			
Maximum soil temperature					80					Belzoni			
Minimum soil temperature					55					Stoneville			
Greatest one day pan evaporation					.27					Pontotoc			
Greatest weekly pan evaporation					.13					Clarksdale			

Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum
 Min = Minimum
 Ave = Average
 Norm = Normal
 DFN = Departure From Normal
 Evap = Evaporation
 M = Missing

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